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DRASTIC P. S. ORDERS. They Are Expected To-day, Following Report on N. Y. C. Railway.

Following the presentation of the report of A. L. McLimont, electrical engineer, who has been investigating the equipment and service of the New York City Railway, the Public Service Commission in all probability will issue to-day orders directing the receivers for that company to make various improvements. This report, it is expected, will show grievous faults in equipment and service of a low order.

For two months Mr. McLimont, in charge of a force of about ten of the commission's most intelligent inspectors, has been conducting a thorough investigation into the equipment and service of the street railroad lines. He and his men have examined cars, car barns, power houses and tracks. They have gone over the rolling stock minutely, noting generally a multiplicity of flat wheels, unclean cars, and many minor defects in car equipment.

The specific findings which the report of the engineer will narrate are being guarded with care. Sufficient of its general character is known, though, to warrant the assertion that the orders issued to the receivers for the traction company based on Mr. McLimont's summary of conditions will deal drastically with the situation. More cars will be demanded, it seems likely; repairs of considerable magnitude ordered for the "cripples" which are now forced to do duty. The management without much doubt will be called to task because of the many defects in car equipment. The looseness of management which does not guard better against the delays and irregularities in car service and the character of some of the employees.

The nature of the report of the engineer will not be made public by the commission even when the orders are issued. These orders probably will provide for hearings, at which the orders of the commission desires to reserve the ammunition furnished by the report for those hearings. It is altogether probable that this report, too, will play an important part in the subsequent investigation into the general financial condition of the Interborough-Metropolitan lines, when that inquiry is resumed some time after Christmas. The cost of equipment and the money spent for electrification of surface lines are subjects from which interesting revelations are expected.

LIGHTING COMPANIES BEFORE P. S. C. Representatives of gas and electricity corporations conferred with Milo R. Malthe, of the Public Service Commission, yesterday, with a view to reaching some decision as to a uniform method of keeping accounts. Adna P. Weber, chief statistician to the commission, was present with Commissioner Malthe.

Robert A. Carter, vice-president of the Consolidated Gas Company, did most of the talking for the gas companies, and Henry M. Edwards, auditor of the New York Edison Company, acted as spokesman for the companies selling electric current. Seventeen representatives of the various companies were present. Commissioner Malthe told of the provision in the Public Service Commission law permitting the commission to prescribe methods of keeping accounts by the companies and the form in which they must submit their annual reports.

MANY SEEK P. S. FILING CLERKSHIPS. Albany, Dec. 10.—The State Civil Service Commission announced to-day that it had received 763 applications to try the examination for filing clerk in the New York office of the Public Service Commission, with an annual salary of \$90 to \$120. There are between ten and fifteen places to be filled.

AFFECTS 40 RAILWAYS. Actual Construction in Time Limit Must Be Begun.

Albany, Dec. 10.—In a decision given out to-day the Public Service Commission in the 24 District defines its policy as to the character of certificates to be granted to the holders of a certificate of convenience and necessity for street surface roads, granted by the former State Board of Railroad Commissioners to secure them from the possibility of a revocation of their certificate, under Section 25A of the railroad law. The new commission holds that when the holder of such a certificate, failing to begin construction work within two years of the commission may at its discretion annul the certificate.

SUIT TO STOP FRICK PURCHASE. Pittsburgh, Dec. 10.—Suit was filed in the United States Circuit Court here yesterday on behalf of minority stockholders of the Hotchett-Connellsville Coke Company, to stop the sale arranged several weeks ago of the George L. Frick Company. The latter company, which is owned by the United States Steel Corporation, and for some time has owned a half interest in the Hotchett-Connellsville Coke Company, has for a long time been trying to get the Frick holdings, and a deal was arranged several weeks ago in which more than \$1,000,000 is said to have been involved. James W. Shields, of Dayton, O., filed the petition on behalf of the minority, alleging that the deal is in violation of the law, and charges a conspiracy by the H. C. Frick Coke Company, the Carnegie Steel Company and the United States Steel Corporation to suppress competition.

Trust Company, of this city, and George I. W. Brown, of New York, who were the trustees of the trust, to effect the sale at less than the value of the property. The suit is one result of the recent failure of Whitney & Stephenson, brokers.

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A. H. SMITH ON TRIAL.

Supreme Court Jury Listens to Woodlawn Wreck Testimony. The examination of witnesses in the trial of Alfred H. Smith, vice-president and general manager of the New York Central lines between New York and Buffalo, who is charged with manslaughter in the second degree in connection with the Woodlawn wreck on February 16, was begun before a jury in the Criminal Branch of the Supreme Court yesterday.

Mr. Smith, represented by Delancey Nicolli, John Lindsey and A. H. Harris, vice-president and general counsel of the Central, was charged by Assistant District Attorney Smythe in his opening address with having permitted a motor-man of little experience to run a train at a high rate of speed around a curve, the defendant being in charge of 7,000 miles of track at that time.

"This defendant put a man in charge of this train who had no experience with the new locomotives except during four days along a track about two miles long," said Mr. Smythe, referring to E. R. Rogers, the motorman of the ill-fated train.

William S. Tracy, who was employed as an inspector of air and wheels under S. T. Case, of the Central, testified that on the night of the accident he had examined the running gear and found it in good condition, except that the shoes were off the locomotive. To this was added the evidence of Samuel Brickford, road foreman in charge of equipment, who declared that he ordered two locomotives coupled up after the motorman had asked him if he thought it safe to run the single locomotive with one pair of shoes missing.

A blue print giving a tabulated list of the officers and superintendents on the Central was then introduced by Mr. Nicolli, who showed that Mr. Smith had charge of 50,908 men. Mr. Brickford said that he had seen Rogers, the motorman, twice before he had come under his direction, and that he believed him to be one of his best men after the four days of instruction.

BIG AUTO FAILURE.

N. J. Vehicle Concern, \$20,000,000 Capital, in Receivers' Hands. Judge Cross, of the United States Circuit Court, at his home in Elizabeth, N. J., yesterday, appointed Henry M. Barrett, of Elizabeth, N. J., and Henry W. Muckless, receivers for the Electric Vehicle Company, a \$20,000,000 New Jersey corporation, with a plant at Hartford, Conn. The receivers are bonded for \$20,000 each. The Hartford Rubber Works Company, which has a claim of \$1,785,66, was the petitioner. Inability to get ready cash is said to be the cause of the Electric Vehicle Company's trouble.

Judge Cross adjudged the company to be insolvent because it had defaulted in the payment of \$2,500,000 of 6 per cent gold bonds which matured on November 1. The indebtedness consists of these bonds, secured by mortgage on property of the company held by the Merton Trust Company, of New York; notes aggregating \$89,531.50 and accounts payable amounting to \$24,750.32. The assets are placed at \$1,084,432.48. Of this only \$12,000 is in cash, the rest consisting of the plant, patents, stock, accounts payable, etc.

Judge Ward, in the United States Circuit Court here, also appointed Halsey M. Barrett a receiver and William S. Montgomery, of this city, receiver of the property of the Electric Vehicle Company. The bond of the receivers here was fixed jointly at \$2,000.

"Moody's Manual" for 1907 gives M. J. Budlong as president of the Electric Vehicle Company, Walter G. Henderson as treasurer, H. W. Kyrle as secretary and assistant treasurer, and the directors these three men and H. H. Vreeland, Grant B. Schley, J. M. Gavin, 2d, Albert Taylor and W. O. Knudson. There have recently been several changes in this list. Messrs. Vreeland and Schley being no longer directors and Mr. Henderson having succeeded as president Mr. Budlong, who is now president of the Association of Licensed Automobile Manufacturers of America. The Electric Vehicle Company is the owner of the "Selden patent," the basic patent on gasoline automobiles, on which it receives royalties from the manufacturers who are members of the Association of Licensed Automobile Manufacturers.

ERRICO BROTHERS' SALE. The Errico Brothers' sale of art goods will take place at the Fifth Avenue Art Galleries to-day and to-morrow. On Saturday a sale of a collection of "objects d'art" and the H. H. Wannamaker company's sale at the same place. All the goods will be on exhibition up to the time they are sold.

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